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SUBJECT: MTN GROUP CHAIRMANSHIPS

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1. I COMMUNICATED TO PATTERSON OUR AGREEMENT TO THE PROPOSED SLATE PER REFTTEL. HE INFORMED ME THERE WAS WIDESPREAD AGREEMENT ON MARIADASON TO REPLACE CHADHA AND FOR THE SECRETARIAT TO CHAIR GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT. HE TOLD ME, HOWEVER, THAT "SEVERAL COUNTRIES" (WHICH I TAKE TO MEAN THE EC) HAD RAISED OBJECTIONS TO GREY FOR SAFEGUARDS. PATTERSON THOUGHT THE MOST LIKELY CANIATE FOR SAFEGUARDS WAS NOW AMBASSADOR DEGEER OF SWEDEN. HE ALSO MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF FEIJ OF THE NETHERLANDS.

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2. COMMENT: DEGEER WOULD, WE BELIEVE, BE A GOOD CHAIR-

MAN AND ACCORDINGLY SUGGEST WE BE AUTHORIZED TO TELL PATTERSON WE CAN ACCEPT. HOWEVER, SWEDISH POSITION IN FAVOR OF SELECTIVE APPLICATION OF SAFEGUARD MEASURES IS ANATHEMA TO JAPAN AND GOJ MAY ACCORDINGLY ATTEMPT TO BLOCK CONTINUATION OF A SWEDE AS CHAIRMAN OF SAFEGUARDS GROUP. IF THIS HAPPENS, SUGGEST WE ASK DDG PATTERSON TO ACCEPT CHAIR HIMSELF. PATTERSON WILL BE SPREAD VERY THIN IF MTN AG WORK PICKS UP BUT HE HINTED SOME MONTHS AGO HE COULD PROBABLY TAKE ON SAFEGUARDS IF KEY DELS CANNOT FIND AN ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE. WE GET ALONG WELL WITH FEJ AND HE HAS CONSIDERABLE KNOWLEDGE OF SAFEGUARDS DUE TO HIS PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENT OF OECD BUT BELIEVE HE MAY BE OF MORE VALUE TO US AS A VOICE OF REASON IN INTRA-EC DISCUSSIONS THAN MAY BE THE CASE IF HE IS NEUTRALIZED AS CHAIRMAN. HE IS ALSO VERY LONG-WINDED AND MAY NOT BE AN EFFICIENT CHAIRMAN.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE CONFIRM BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM THAT US CAN ACCEPT DEGEER WITH CONTINGENT AUTHORIZATION TO PROPOSE PATTERSON IF DEGEER IS BLOCKED. WALKER

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